

Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 7:00 PM  
Large Court Room – City Hall

PRESENT:

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips, Presiding  
Alderman Valerie Joh  
Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote  
Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

Alderman Larry A. Munsey  
Alderman Tom C. Parham  
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager  
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney  
Lisa Winkle, Comptroller/Deputy City Recorder

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Dennis R. Phillips.
- II.A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by Boy Scout Troop 48.
- II.B. **INVOCATION:** By Kimberly Goddard, Pastor – Mafair United Methodist Church.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** By Comptroller/Deputy City Recorder Lisa Winkle.
- IV. **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS.** None.
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Motion/Second: Munsey/Joh, to approve minutes for the following meetings:

- A. January 31, 2011 Regular Work Session
- B. February 1, 2011 Regular Business Meeting

Approved: All present voting "aye."

VI. **COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS.**

AA. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

1. **Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 3 Part A Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services** (AF: 23-2011). City Planner Ken Weems gave a brief presentation on this item (and the following two items) regarding the demographics of this area and the average savings of the affected homeowners. He pointed out a successful community meeting had been held to answer questions for area residents, noting the Planning Department had received seven phone calls with general questions about this annexation. Mr. Weems also stated the Planning Commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to annex this area to the Board.

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Alderman Munsey asked Mr. Weems if this situation had been discussed with the school system. He replied they were capable of handling the additional students. He further clarified the students could remain at their county schools if they wished.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM VI.AA.1.** James Brotherton, 204 Patrick Henry Drive, presented a petition to the Board members in opposition of the annexation and stated he was unable to attend the public meeting because he was out of town.

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX THAT CERTAIN TERRITORY ADJOINING THE PRESENT CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, EMBRACING THAT CERTAIN PART OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND KNOWN AS THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART A ANNEXATION, AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO ZONE PROPERTY ALONG CLAYMORE DRIVE, OAKMONT DRIVE, SIR ECHO DRIVE, MEADOW LANE, CORALWOOD DRIVE, AND CEDAR CREST DRIVE TO R-1B, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-169,** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICES FOR THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART A ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**2. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 3 Part B Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 24-2011).** See Item VI.AA.1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM VI.AA.2.** None.

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX THAT CERTAIN TERRITORY ADJOINING THE PRESENT CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSPORT, EMBRACING THAT CERTAIN PART OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND KNOWN AS THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART

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B ANNEXATION, AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO ZONE PROPERTY ALONG GLADEMILL DRIVE, SPRINGBROOK DRIVE, CORALWOOD DRIVE, SIR ECHO DRIVE, CORY WAY, LOOKOUT DRIVE, AND KINGFISHER COURT TO R-1B, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-170**, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICES FOR THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART B ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**3. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend Zoning of the Colonial Heights Area 3 Part C Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 25-2011).** See Item VI.AA.1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM VI.AA.3.** Wright Bailey asked questions regarding the process of property tax assessment and how to get the value of a parcel changed. Alderman Marsh clarified the annexation being considered tonight would not be official until 30 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading was approved on March 1<sup>st</sup>. City Manager Campbell further stated properties annexed at this time would not owe city property taxes until November 2012. Alderman Parham noted services would begin immediately, however.

Bill Segal asked for clarification that Sullivan County determines the property assessment, not the City of Kingsport, and the rates are set by each entity. He also discussed the current housing market and Alderman Joh responded with information on the issues involving real estate.

Roger Davis inquired about the select few properties being excluded from this annexation on the map. City Planner Weems stated the only properties being annexed at this time were those where sewer was currently available. Mr. Davis also pointed out that according to the Kingsport annexed urban growth area, there would still be pockets in the county not easily serviced by county schools. Alderman Parham noted the students could continue to go to Sullivan South, further stating the City and the School Board would have to do things differently. Mayor Phillips noted that a tremendous amount of effort is being put forth by the school board and business leaders and as long

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as students are put first, they will get the best education possible. Alderman Shupe stated it was not just communication, but positive communication with the citizens was the key to public perception.

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX THAT CERTAIN TERRITORY ADJOINING THE PRESENT CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT, EMBRACING THAT CERTAIN PART OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND KNOWN AS THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART C ANNEXATION, AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED; TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO ZONE PROPERTY ALONG KENDRICK CREEK ROAD, TIFFANY COURT, CORALWOOD DRIVE, CORALWOOD COURT, AND ADAIR COURT TO R-1B, RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND R-3, LOW DENSITY APARTMENT DISTRICT IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Parham/Marsh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-171**, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN OF SERVICES FOR THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS AREA 3 PART C ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF KINGSFORT, TENNESSEE

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**4. Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Amend Zoning of a Portion of Parcel 1.00 and All of Parcels 2-5 in Tax Map 62-H Located on Memorial Boulevard from R-1B Zoning to B-3 Zoning (AF: 28-2011).** City Planner Forrest Koder presented this item, noting that staff recommended rezoning from residential to business, only five of the eight parcels originally requested by the property owner. He mentioned the Planning Department had received several phone calls in opposition of rezoning the parcels on Clover Street to business as that was a predominantly residential area. He further stated the Planning Commission also sent a favorable recommendation to rezone only the five parcels located on Memorial Boulevard. Mr. Koder also noted the recommendation was in accordance with the City's long term land use plan. Alderman Marsh asked if the adjustment from eight parcels to five placated the phone calls, to which Mr. Koder replied yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM VI.AA.4.** None.

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Motion/Second: Parham/Munsey, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE ZONING CODE, TEXT AND MAP, TO REZONE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO MEMORIAL BOULEVARD FROM R-1B, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE 11<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL DISTRICT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY; TO FIX A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT.** Mayor Phillips invited citizens in attendance to speak about any of the remaining agenda items. There being no one coming forward to speak, the Mayor closed the public comment segment.

**B. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FIRST READING.**

**1. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to the Contract with Technical Innovations for the Audio/Video Systems at the Meadowview Executive Conference Center and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary for the Change Order and Consideration of an Ordinance to Appropriate the Funds (AF: 41-2011).** City Manager Campbell explained the items prompting the change order and verified the funding account.

Motion/Second: Joh/Shupe, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-172, A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH TECHNICAL INNOVATIONS FOR THE AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS AT THE MEADOWVIEW EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE CHANGE ORDER**

Passed: All present voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Joh/Shupe, to pass:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MEADOWVIEW CONFERENCE CENTER FUND BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE MEADOWVIEW PROJECT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on first reading: All present voting "aye."

**C. BUSINESS MATTERS REQUIRING FINAL ADOPTION. None.**

**D. OTHER BUSINESS.**

**1. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Agreement for Professional Services with Camp, Dresser, and McKee, Inc. Regarding the Stormwater Master Plan and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 40-2011).** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds presented this

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item, noting the initial contract for this project was in October of 2009. In November 2010 the Stormwater Advisory Committee confirmed the findings of Camp, Dresser and McKee, which recommended a standard of service. He further stated, by law, the City is held to a certain level of expectation for the quality of our streams. This resolution initiates Phase 2 of the project, putting everything in place, and will be addressed in the next budget. Mr. McReynolds confirmed for Alderman Parham that the money has already been set aside and answered funding questions regarding each phase of the project for Alderman Marsh. He also pointed out a potential benefit of a floodway modeling plan would help guide development, as well as open up the possibility of receiving grants.

Motion/Second: Mallicote/Parham, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-173, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CAMP, DRESSER AND MCKEE, INC. FOR THE STORMWATER MASTER PLAN AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT**

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**2. Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for Blakley Drive Area Sanitary Sewer Facilities and Waterline Improvements and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 43-2011).** City Manager Campbell pointed out the aggressive bidding climate for this project, noting the City had received some good bids coming in at about \$150,000 under estimate. Alderman Marsh voiced some concerns regarding the operation of cash flow and commented that with no rate increases for a while and the good cash flow the City is experiencing now, this should be the last time the City borrows money in this manner.

Motion/Second: Mallicote/Parham, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-174, A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE BID FOR THE BLAKELY DRIVE AREA SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES AND WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS TO MERKEL BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT**

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents to Receive Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding for Improvement Projects at the Tri-Cities Regional Airport (AF: 38-2011).** City Manager Campbell stated this was similar to the agreements that have been approved over the last few years, giving the airport flexibility to apply for and receive grants. Alderman Munsey questioned the status of the airport becoming a separate authority, to which Mr. Campbell replied that this issue will be going before the state legislature.



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Motion/Second: Joh/Parham, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-175**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT ONE OR MORE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 GRANTS THROUGH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR PROJECTS AT TRI-CITIES REGIONAL AIRPORT, TN/VA

Passed: All present voting "aye."

Note: At this time Mayor Phillips recognized the Dobyys-Bennett High School Students who were present and thanked them for their attendance.

**4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order for Dish Washing Equipment for School Nutrition Services to Strategic Equipment and Supply (AF: 44-2011).** Alderman Marsh pointed out a bid had been adjusted and questioned the circumstances when that is allowed. City Manager Campbell stated the low bidder can make corrections, and further stated they still remained the lowest bidder and the schools felt all specifications had been met.

Motion/Second: Shupe/Joh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-176**, A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR PURCHASE OF DISH WASHING EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION SERVICES TO STRATEGIC EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE SAME

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**5. Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for Primary Rate Interface Telephone Systems and Direct Inward Dialing Telephone Lines to Charter Business Systems and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 39-2011).** City Manager Campbell stated this was part of a continuing effort to reduce the City's phone costs.

Motion/Second: Parham/Joh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-177**, A RESOLUTION AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PRIMARY RATE INTERFACE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS AND DIRECT INWARD DIALING TELEPHONE LINES TO CHARTER BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**6. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Enter into an Agreement with Municipal Code Corporation to Recodify the City of Kingsport Code of Ordinances (AF: 45-2011).** City Attorney Billingsley presented this item, explaining the process of recodification and the reasoning behind keeping the City Code updated.

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Motion/Second: Mallicote/Joh, to pass:

**Resolution No. 2011-178, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION TO RECODIFY THE CITY OF KINGSFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Passed: All present voting "aye."

**E. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS. None.**

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA.**

**Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 were considered under one motion. Item 2 was pulled at the request of Alderman Munsey for separate discussion.**

Motion/Second: Marsh/Shupe, to adopt:

**1. Consideration of a Budget Ordinance Amending the FY11 MPO Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds Received from the Federal Highway Administration and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) (AF: 31-2011).**

Adopt:

**Ordinance No. 6061, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TDOT); AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE**

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Joh, Mallicote, Marsh, Munsey, Parham, Shupe and Phillips voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Joh/Mallicote, to adopt:

**2. Consideration of an Ordinance to Appropriate the Funds to Complete the Construction of the New Beason Well Fire Station (AF: 27-2011).** Alderman Munsey asked for clarification on the funding sources for the \$391,339 listed on the action form, particularly the \$198,480 coming from the fleet fund. City Manager Campbell explained what had occurred during the last budgetary process regarding replacement vehicles and how the decision was made to not purchase any replacement vehicles at that time. Construction on the new station was also delayed and construction prices have since increased. The original intention was to sell the property at 3101 East Stone Drive (the initial site for the new fire station) to offset these costs. However, this has been delayed due to the slow real estate market. Since a new truck will still have to be purchased for this station, money from the fleet fund is being used to get this project going. Alderman Marsh made a motion to amend the ordinance to reflect the stipulation that when the property on Stone Drive is sold, \$198,480 of the proceeds will be returned to the fleet fund. Alderman Parham seconded this motion, all present voting "aye."



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Adopt:

**Ordinance No. 6062**, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL PROJECT FUND BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO THE E. STONE DRIVE FIRE STATION PROJECT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011; AND TO FIX THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE

Passed on second reading in a roll call vote: Joh, Mallicote, Marsh, Munsey, Parham, Shupe and Phillips voting "aye."

Motion/Second: Marsh/Shupe, to approve:

**3. Consideration of Approval of Offers for Rights-of-Way and Easements for Phase IV of the Gibson Mill Realignment Project (AF: 42-2011).**

Approve:

OFFERS FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS FOR PHASE IV OF THE GIBSON MILL REALIGNMENT PROJECT

Passed in a roll call vote: Joh, Mallicote, Marsh, Munsey, Parham, Shupe and Phillips voting "aye."

**VIII. COMMUNICATIONS.**

**A. CITY MANAGER.** Mr. Campbell thanked the members of Keep Kingsport Beautiful for their recognition of the Public Works department on Valentine's Day. He also thanked the sponsors in town and Alderman Parham for his attendance as well.

**B. MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS.** Alderman Joh urged the public not to give up on the Aquatic Center, stating the hope was to have water by next year. She also gave an update on the carousel project, noting 21 animals have been promised and eight are currently in progress. She also mentioned a possible frame that would hold 33 animals is being researched and should be considered for budgetary purposes. The first completed horse is on display at Bank of Tennessee.

Alderman Marsh noted he talked to an acquaintance in Egypt who stated they were back in business and welcoming tourists after a period of adjustment.

Alderman Parham commented it has been a pleasure working with the residents of the Colonial Heights annexed areas. He further stated his goal is for these citizens to be integrated into volunteer groups and elected offices throughout the city, encouraging Board members and staff to reach out.

Vice-Mayor Mallicote acknowledged City Planner Karen Combs who has been working with officials from Sudan since last May in an effort to help them develop an urban growth plan. She has just returned from a 2½ week visit

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there, at her own expense, where she wrote a zoning code for them. He commended her efforts and thanked her for representing the City of Kingsport so well.

Mayor Phillips pointed out that in honor of Jeff Byrd, Bristol Motor Speedway announced in a news conference that the upcoming Food City 500 would be renamed the Jeff Byrd 500. He commended those involved and stated fewer people have made such a huge impact on our region. He also stated that Nancy Garrett of the Survivor's Club informed him that the John B. Dennis gravesite has not been very well kept. Oak Hill Cemetery will redo the grave. Relatives have been located in New York and Pennsylvania and a possible reunion is planned when the gravesite is completed.


- C. VISITORS.** Shawn Bossert of the Kingsport Fire Fighters Association applauded the Board members for their vision and effort. He stated his topic of interest will be on the next agenda. He further mentioned he looks forward to settling the issues the KFFA has met with each Board member individually to discuss during the last few months.

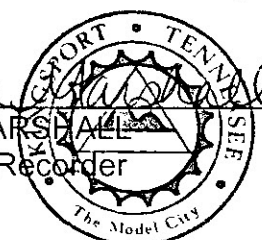
Bill Anders, Vice-President of the Kingsport Fire Fighters Association, thanked the Board members for the time and energy spent steering Kingsport in the right direction. He then discussed his position on the redeployment of fire equipment which will be brought before the Board at their next meeting.


Matt Sorge, President of the Kingsport Fire Fighters Association thanked the Board for making it a priority to keep the city safe. He discussed the growing burden on the Fire Department as the city expands. He pointed out that Station 8 will finally offer an adequate level of service to the citizens.

James Brotherton, 224 Patrick Henry Circle, asked about the Montview annexation. He then asked how long Sullivan South would continue to be a high school. City Manager Campbell pointed out the necessity of having two high schools with the number of students. Vice-Mayor Mallicote asked Mr. Brotherton how the City could effectively convey this intention, to which he replied to put it in writing. The Vice-Mayor then noted this statement has been made several times in the previous minutes as well as the newspaper.

- IX. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other business for consideration at this meeting, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor